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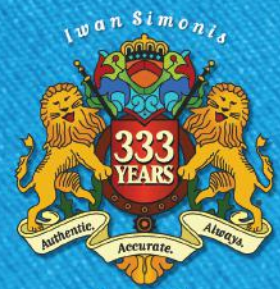
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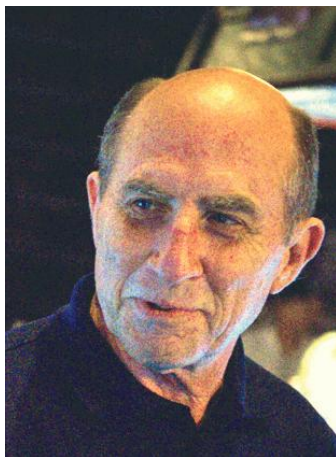
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The Head Rail a message from the Editor



Welcome to the premier issue of *The Billiards Buzz*. This has been a project we have kicked around for years in order to satisfy advertiser requests to be able to display full-page ads and to have a succinct reminder of what has happened in the world of pool over the last thirty days. When we added to that the advantage of the magazine format for feature articles and other graphic-rich format, we decided to go ahead and launch *The Billiards Buzz*. (A big thanks to *dontlitthat*, from our forums, for the name suggestion.)

This is an interactive magazine. We want our readers to participate. We will have a "Letters" section where we will print your thoughts, ideas and opinions (Letters should be emailed to: info@azbilliards.com). Much of the content (including the ads) contains clickable links where you can further explore the topic. We will soon be linking videos to stories and seeking other ways to take you as deeply into a subject as you wish to dive, including links to the "dark areas" of *AZB* that many of you do not ever see, areas of history and detailed player records.

This is a developing magazine. We will be adding columns and subjects as we grow and we look forward to your input as to what you would like to see included within our pages. We are on Open Call for new writers, photographers and videographers who would like to contribute content. Again, use the email: info@azbilliards.com for your submissions.

The Billiards Buzz contains content you will find nowhere else. This month's features include articles on The US Open 8-Ball and 10-Ball events, The Scott Frost V Efren Reyes challenge match, two articles on the recent Atlantic Challenge Cup and a Spotlight on the history of Simonis Cloth. Trust me, they are older than you, and they grew up in an interesting time and place.

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~ Jerry Forsyth

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What is Timing, and How Does it Affect the Stroke?

by Jerry Briesath



We know that a good stroke is a beautiful throwing motion of the arm below the elbow. We also know that the less the elbow moves up and down during the stroke, the greater chance a player has of striking the cue ball exactly where he or she wants.

Now let's define that perfect stroke a little more precisely; and this applies whether you are swinging a golf club, throwing a ball, or executing a pool stroke. Picture yourself in a contest throwing softballs underhand into four small buckets spaced five yards apart from 5 yards away to 20 yards away. You step up to the line, take a slow backswing and accelerate just hard enough to get the ball to land in the bucket that is 5 yards away. The slow deliberate backswing helps your mind and body develop a feel for how much to accelerate the arm to get the ball in the bucket, whereas a faster jerky backswing would make your speed control very inconsistent. Now let's do the 10 yard bucket. You step up to the line and take the same slow backswing and then accelerate a little faster to get the ball into the 10 yard bucket. And the same would apply to the 15 and 20 yard buckets. The backswing might be a little longer but not faster.

This is the same motion we want you to feel in a pool stroke except that you are just using the lower arm, and elbow movement is kept to a minimum.

Now let me explain what timing is. Timing is the transition from the backswing to the front swing. The perfect backswing goes back slowly and smoothly, and slows to a stop at the end of the backswing as in a clock pendulum. As soon as the arm comes to a stop, accelerate through the cue ball at the speed necessary to complete the shot and get position. A perfect backswing almost looks like there is a pause at the end of the backswing because the arm slows to a stop, then accelerates forward.

Almost every player has made the comment during competition, "my stroke just doesn't feel right tonight," or "I think I hurried my stroke on that shot." These are things players say and feel when their timing is not right and is usually caused by starting the forward swing before the backswing slows to a stop. I refer to that as, "not finishing the backswing." Check your own backswing; do you make it stop with a jerk at the end of the backswing or do you let it slow to a stop then accelerate through the cue ball? You can make it stop or you can let it stop. Which one do you think looks better?

One of the biggest problems pool players have is developing a beautiful backswing with good timing. Sometimes when a player has a lot of trouble with timing, I will recommend that he or she takes a slow backswing and pauses for a second at the end of the backswing, then accelerates through the cue ball, because a little pause at the end of the backswing is better than a jerky swing. Remember, the backswing is an extremely important part of the stroke and the transition from the backswing to the front swing is what makes any stroke look good or bad. Now that you know exactly what good timing is, you can practice and master it. Work on your timing.

Good Luck! - Jerry

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Mind of Steel

See Challenges Instead of Fear

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Human perception is a really funny thing – what people “see” is really as individual as each person. In fact, have you ever heard the saying “one mans garbage is another mans treasure?” Think about that for a moment – what is essentially useless to one person is invaluable to another. E-bay has become a worldwide institution based on this idea.

So how does this apply to pool you ask? Very simply – what you “see” when you look at the lay of the balls on the table is a very unique, subjective human experience and will ultimately play a major role in whether you run the table – or choke on the first shot you attempt. More specifically, seasoned players will typically see challenges when they look at the table, whereas inexperienced players will tend to see overwhelming, fearful situations that they perceive to be more than they can handle. In reality, both players are actually looking at the same table, yet both players end up experiencing the situation in two completely different ways.

Teaching yourself the importance of perception, especially how it plays such a major part in pool success, is vitally important for your self-improvement. When you look at a bed of roses, do you see the flowers or the thorns? Both are there, yet it is the individual who determines what to focus his or her attention toward. With pool, teaching yourself to interpret tricky situations as challenges will help you “play to win,” whereas allowing tough situations to scare you will consequently put your mindset in a “play to avoid losing” perception.

When you perceive situations as challenges, your mind and body work in synchrony and confidence emerges. Research clearly shows that confidence is directly related to peak performances, and your perception is actually what helps you develop confidence.

On the other hand, when you perceive situations as catastrophes, your body will immediately respond with anxiety, which will in turn cause all kinds of problems with focus, concentration, and ultimately shot success. When you “choke,” more often than not you missed the shot not because you didn’t know what to do, but instead because you never really felt as though you were going to make the shot in the first place. Again, your initial perception of the situation probably played a major role in this situation.

Next time you go out and play, think about the following tips for success:

- **Only YOU can determine whether a situation is a challenge or a threat.** Remind yourself of this each time you approach the table.
- **If you begin to get nervous about a situation, try to reframe the problem.** For example, if the table looks downright ugly and its only the first game of the match, remind yourself about how much time you have to still come out on top.
- **When you see a tough lay on the table, try to put all your focus into just your next shot.** So many times players look ahead a shot or two and end up blowing the first shot (and often the match)
- **There probably isn’t a shot on the table that hasn’t been made at some point, so remember to tell yourself that the next time you get down on a challenging shot.** Try to put all your energy into positive self-talk and work hard to channel all your confidence into the shot you have at the moment and watch what happens. Pretty amazing, huh?!

Dr. Christopher Stankovich is a nationally acclaimed expert in Sport & Performance Psychology and the Founder of Advanced Human Performance Systems. Develop your mental toughness and your game will go to levels previously not witnessed! Learn more by checking out our #1 best selling video *Mind of Steel for Pool Success*, now streaming at: <https://drstankovich.cinevee.com/mind-of-steel--mental-toughness-for-pool-success>

Van Boening Sweeps Vegas Events

by AzB Staff

Every gambler dreams of hitting a hot-streak in Vegas, where they just can't seem to lose. Unfortunately for most gamblers, the reality is that winning streaks like that are very rare. Shane Van Boening, on the other hand, is not your typical gambler, and top level pool is not your typical game of chance. Van Boening proved his superiority on the green cloth again over the week of July 20th - 30th, with wins in the US Open 10-Ball and US Open 8-Ball events.

The week got underway with 52 players competing in the US Open 10-Ball event. The \$10,000 first prize for this event drew some of the top talent in the game, which led to a number of early upsets. Mike Dechaine fell to Danny Smith in the first round, as did Thorsten Hohmann (who dropped his first round match with John Schmidt). Van Boening did what he does best though, as he quietly made his way through the early rounds untouched. Notable wins over Tommy Tokoph, Amar Kang and Skyler Woodward propelled Van Boening to the hot-seat match against 2016 BCA Hall of Fame inductee, Rodney Morris. Van Boening would get his first taste of defeat for the week in this match, as Morris came back from a 5-1 deficit to take the hot-seat 10-7.

Even though he lost the hot-seat match, Van Boening had the advantage of being able to rest on the final day of the event before taking on Canadian Champion John Morra in the semi-finals. Van Boening took control of this match early and never let off the gas pedal on his way to a quick 10-6 win. The final rematch with Morris was a definite contrast from the previous matchup, with both players struggling with their breaks. Van Boening managed to build leads multiple times, but Morris always seemed to be able to fight back and keep things close until late in the match when Van Boening was finally able to take control and win the match 13-8.

Every gambler knows that you can't sit on the sidelines after a big win, and the schedule didn't allow Van Boening that opportunity, with the US Open 8-Ball event kicking off the following morning. That event



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would see 63 players looking to cash in for the \$11,000 first place prize. The transition from 10-ball to 8-ball may have gotten the better of Van Boening though, as he dropped his opening match to Kansas' Taylor Anderson. That loss would leave Van Boening as a serious long shot to take the title, but no one told that to Van Boening. Van Boening would not lose another match over the next three days, as he defeated ten straight opponents (including such notables as Shane McMinn, Thorsten Hohmann, Francisco Bustamante and bar table specialist Jesse Bowman) on his way to the final match.

That final match would be against an opponent that Van Boening was very familiar with. Fellow Mid Westerner (and frequent fishing buddy) Rory Hendrickson had been displaying his bar-table 8-ball prowess for three days, and he wasn't going to just hand the final trophy to Van Boening. Hendrickson took an early lead in their race to eleven match, but would see that lead wilt as Van Boening then won five of the next six racks for a 5-4 lead. Hendrickson fought with everything he had, but Van Boening would not be denied on this day as he cruised to a 11-6 win and his second title in four days.

Sometimes after a big win in Vegas, a player likes to make one last quick stop at a game to see if their luck/skill is still strong. Van Boening did that one day after the US Open 8-Ball win, with a hill-hill win over Thorsten Hohmann in the "Pick Your Poison" 8-Ball Challenge Match. Van Boening will have his schedule full with upcoming events including the World 9-Ball Championship (Ed. Note: Watch next month for our coverage of his second place finish), The US Bar Box Championships and the US Open 9-Ball Championship where he hopes to become the first player in history to hold all three "US Open" titles at one time.



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The 2016 West Coast Swing

Orcollo Sweeps 3 of 4 Tournaments!

With the return of the “West Coast Swing,” of pool to California, top pool-players from all over the world flew in to experience the heat. This year’s “swing” events featured three 10-ball tournaments and a 1-pocket tournament. The prospect of one player dominating was unlikely considering the company of Efren Reyes, Francisco Bustamante, John Morra, John Schmidt, Thorsten Hohmann, Edgie Geronimo, Rodney Morris, Alex Pagulayan, Dennis Orcollo and many more world-beaters. Despite the competition, “Robocop” Dennis Orcollo, took on all the champions and won three of the four events. 3 out of 4 isn’t bad, especially if you can’t play the fourth event because of your travel schedule.

San Francisco, CA

- The 4th Annual Cole Dickson 10-Ball

The “West Coast Swing” started in San Francisco’s, Family Billiards for the 4th Annual Cole Dickson Memorial 10-ball tournament. The unstoppable Dennis Orcollo won it undefeated despite a field of 78 players consisting of Efren Reyes (who went two and out), Rodney Morris, John Schmidt, Francisco Bustamante, Edgie Geronimo and Vilmos Foldes, Oscar / Ernesto Dominguez and more.

Besting Rodney Morris on the first day, Orcollo started off the second day with a tough match against Santos Sambajon. With Sambajon leading for most of the match, Orcollo played catch up, trailing 6-3 (race to 9) and gradually making a comeback. With both players on the hill and despite a dry break by Dennis in the last game, Santos failed to cut a tough 5 ball allowing Orcollo to win the match.

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The Hot Seat match between Dennis Orcollo and John Schmidt was filled with just as much excitement. Orcollo came out feverishly winning two racks in less than ten minutes but, when Schmidt got to the table he got on the board. Then, with Dennis leading at 4-2, Orcollo put his game into high gear to take a 6-2 lead. A slight shift in the match enabled Schmidt to close two more games, but at 4-7 Dennis secured the hill after a jump shot on the 1-ball and run out of the rack. In the next rack, Schmidt answered Dennis with his own jump shot to runout but shot a routine 10-ball and the cue-ball slid two rails around and up-table only to scratch in the top corner pocket for John to lose the match.

Francisco Bustamante had trials of his own on his route to the finals. After losing to Rodney Morris on day 1, from the one-loss side, Django played his heart out to best Frank Giordano, Peter Leung, John Hernandez, James To, Jason Williams, Delbert Wong,

Vilmos Foldes, Oscar Dominguez and then John Schmidt.

The Cole Dickson Final Match!

Dennis Orcollo didn't let up going into the finals against Francisco Bustamante in a longer race to 11. Busty came out the gate winning the first game but Dennis calls his one game and raises Bustamante 5 MORE GAMES! After running 3 racks, the score was 6-1. After Dennis played a successful safety, Bustamante turns to the crowd and says, "That's all I got!," Orcollo then goes back to his regularly scheduled program and wins the game bringing the score 7-1. Bustamante jokes with the crowd (being down 8-1) and yelling, "You can do it, Django!," Then, missing the 1-ball, Bustamante says more quietly, "Sh*t, I can't do it." Lucky for Busty, Orcollo also missed the 1-ball and Francisco was back at the table. Several innings on the 2-ball and getting hooked on the 4-ball, Orcollo gives up the table to Bustamante. Bustamante wins the next game to bring the score to 7-2. With a little funny footwork through a couple more racks, Orcollo eats his 9th meal of the match. Remember in the call pocket format, each pocket has to be called, so when Bustamante got to the table in the 12th game, he made the 4-ball in a different pocket than expected and Orcollo got up. Django then jokingly says, "Where are you going?" With that, Orcollo finished off the rack and put himself on top of the hill. As Francisco Bustamante misses the 8-ball, he concedes the match to give Dennis Orcollo his first tournament win of the swing! Dennis Orcollo ends the tournament with \$2,300 and Francisco Bustamante taking home \$1,550.

California Billiards in Fremont, CA - The West Coast Challenge One-Pocket

Three days later on July 6th, Dennis Orcollo would continue his domination on the west coast playing in Fremont, CA at California Billiards' West Coast Challenge 1-Pocket tournament. Boasting \$5,000 added and 55 entrants, it was not going to be easy for Dennis Orcollo to crush his competition, especially with Alex Pagulayan, John Schmidt, Brandon Shuff, Bob Herchik, Santos Sambajon, Tony Chohan, Dan Louie, Jerry Matchin, Jeff Gregory and many others. Dennis Orcollo went up against Brandon Shuff, then Arizona's Bernie Pettipiece before facing Santos Sambajon. Sambajon is known to be one of the best 1-Pocket contenders in California and this day would

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After a long day of play on day 1 (of 3), Dennis Orcollo would see the one-loss side to Santos Sambajon on day 2. The match moved quickly but when the score reached 2-2 play became tighter with both putting more thought and becoming more strategic. Too little too late for Dennis. Despite going hill/hill, Santos Sambajon took the win and pushed Orcollo to the 1-loss side. In the midst of upset, Orcollo sat in the player's chair for another fifteen minutes after the match was over.

This would not be the last that Santos Sambajon saw of Dennis Orcollo. After going on to the next round on the winner's side, Santos was defeated by John Schmidt in an incredible match. Dennis however, would go on to face Bee Davison, Jeff Gregory and Paul Marquez before seeing Sambajon again. This time, Dennis Orcollo defeated Santos Sambajon in a quick, "no mercy," 3-1 match. Playing for 3rd place, Orcollo then ran into, "Mr. 400," John Schmidt for the first time in this event. The first game started a bit rough for Schmidt, owing two balls, but just as quickly as those coins went up on the table Schmidt able to recover the balls. Unfortunately for John Schmidt, he was never able to catch up. He captured one game against Orcollo but Dennis went on to defeat Schmidt 3-1 and go on to the finals to face Robert Herchik from Las Vegas.

The One Pocket Final with Bob Herchik

On day 3, Robert Herchik waited in the Hot Seat from his hotel room until the evening to play Dennis Orcollo. In the tradition of the old school tournament format, Dennis would have to double-pop Herchik to win the 1-Pocket tournament (True double elimination). Robert Herchik proved his game to be a methodical, old school, up table game throughout the tournament. But as a seventy-something elder gentleman with 3:30am finish on the previous day, Herchik showed up to the finals as if the toll was taken. Dennis Orcollo took the early game lead on Herchik 2-0. After another hour and fifteen minutes, Herchik was able to overcome Orcollo's shot making and steal one game. This wasn't enough though, as Dennis was able to defeat Herchik 4-1. Suddenly, Herchik was no longer committed to strategically playing the up table game as we had seen the first two days of the tournament. But alas, to change up his game at this stage was a bit too late; Dennis became the 1-pocket

champion after defeating Robert Herchik 3-1 in the second set and winning the \$3,300 first place prize.

It is rather interesting to note that, after witnessing this 2016 West Coast Challenge event firsthand, Dennis' one-pocket game in the past couple of years has greatly improved. He has managed to contain himself enough to take down some of the toughest of the old school players. Albeit an impeccable shot-maker, Dennis' performance at the West Coast Challenge proves that he is also improved as a "mover." Watching Dennis' shot selection and strategy provides us with ample evidence of One-Pocket maturity. I would be hard pressed to bet against Dennis in almost any match against any player alive. To date, Dennis is showing a genuine desire to want to be the best at every game.

The West Coast Challenge 10-Ball

While the final day of the 1-pocket tournament was underway, the West Coast Challenge 10-ball \$10,000 added tournament began. With Matchroom Sports "Mosconi" points being awarded, the professional American players were out chasing points and money. In miraculous fashion, Dennis Orcollo played through two rounds of the 10-ball tournament whilst still besting players on the final day of the one-pocket tournament. In fact, his first match of the 10-ball, against Alex Mason, a race to 11 went Dennis's way in under 13 minutes. Dennis was however defeated by "The Hitman" Thorsten Hohmann in the third round, taking him on the scenic route. Orcollo didn't go to the one-loss side to play slouches though; he went on to defeat, Amar Kang, Ramin Bakhtiari, Bill Meacham and Oscar Dominguez before having the opportunity to face Thorsten Hohmann for a rematch. After defeating Hohmann, he went on to defeat Ernesto Dominguez for a crucial and tough match against the Bay Area "local hero:" "Combination" Jason Williams.

Jason Williams's match with Dennis Orcollo was well earned after defeating Edgie Geronimo and Thorsten Hohmann on the winner's side. Williams had the entire audience on the edge of their chairs in a heart-breaking case game against Dennis Orcollo. In a tight hill-hill game Jason was slightly off-angle on the 10-ball. With the pressure of the world on his shoulders, Williams gets down on the 10-ball and over-cuts it, leaving it open for Orcollo's taking. Williams took 3rd place and received \$2,000.

The 10 Ball Finals with Alex and Dennis

Once again the world would see Dennis Orcollo



in yet another final. He would need to beat hot seat champion, Alex Pagulayan in a true double-elimination final. No long, single race, here folks! Although, most people think that the Filipino players split their winnings, these two were out for blood and pride. There was also a rumor floating around that Alex had “side-bet” the prize money and more with his own money that he would win this match.

Race #1

With the first race to 11 games, it was pretty clear who was ready to play. Dennis opened up with 3 games from the break, only to be hooked on the 1 ball on the fourth game. After a 5-inning safety battle, Dennis reclaimed momentum to gain a whopping 6-0 lead on Alex. But Alex, not going away so easily, executed tenacious safety play on Dennis to secure some control. “The Lion” managed to get within two games of Dennis at 9-7. Dennis would, however, seize the moment to close the set winning with another break and run (5 total for that set); final score 11-9.

Race #2

The second race to 9; Alex wins the lag to find some wind in his sails but didn’t manage a lead as

strong as Dennis’ in the first set. After a good break in the first game, Alex missed the 3-ball. In fact, most of this race resulted in a lot of jockeying for position and safety play for control of the table, with Alex finding a lead on three occasions including the hill. At 8-7, a dry break by Alex and several safeties passed, it was Alex with the chance to close the curtain with an open shot on the 4-ball. On this shot, Alex also pocketed the 10 which is re-spotted in keeping with “call pocket” rules; moving on, Alex rattled the 6 ball to the side pocket, giving Dennis an open shot to earn the hill and the break. With that Dennis performed yet another break and run to close the match. No do-overs, no second chances! Alex Pagulayan is double dipped and hung to dry; Dennis secures his 3rd title in a row in less than two weeks!

Dennis’ Triple Crown

Unfortunately, after a string of three big tournaments, “Triple Crown” winner, Dennis Orcollo was already scheduled to return to the Philippines for passport renewal so as to compete in the World Championship 9-ball competition in Qatar. This would leave an opening for other great players to face the following, Hard Times 10-ball without the “Robocop” to stop them. This last stop before the U.S. 8 and 10 ball championships, would hopefully, give

top professional players the opportunity to go to Las Vegas with a little bit of money in their pockets. Alex Pagulayan, Vivian Villarreal, Francisco Bustamante, Rodney Morris, John Morra, Ruben Bautista, Edgie Geronimo and Tony Chohan would all go on to Bellflower, California to Hard Times Billiards for this \$5,000 added event.

The 7th Annual Hard Times 10-Ball Event

This year's "Hard Times 10-Ball" at "The Home Of Champions" Hard Times, Bellflower, CA took in 40 players breaking for the cash at \$5,000 added guaranteed. John Morra and Francisco Bustamante would prove to be the biggest standouts in this tough field of champions. Morra faced Rodney "Rocket" Morris his first round, while Bustamante saw Mark Whitehead, Oscar Dominguez and Edgie Geronimo. By the fourth round, John Morra would match up with Francisco Bustamante. Morra's "smooth" precision stroke would overcome Bustamante's experience this round and Django would have to go through a slew of players to make it to the finals. John Morra would play for the hot seat against world champion, Alex Pagulayan, who has been known in the past decade to appear in a majority of final matches at this SoCal venue.

Ernesto Dominguez would make it to the third day and take a usual forfeit to his son, Oscar, who suffered his defeat at the hands of Francisco Bustamante. Busty would advance further to beat Edgie Geronimo to pursue a 3rd place match with Alex Pagulayan. Francisco Bustamante's run on this day served to prove that experience and skill will beat just about anyone. Pagulayan would fall to Bustamante in a blistering hill/hill match that ended with a two-game exhibition of billiard mastery and banking skill that could only come from "Django" himself. With Alex having to settle for 3rd place at this year's Hard Times 10 Ball, this left Django to face the man in the hot-seat, John Morra from Toronto, Canada.

The Hard Times 10-Ball Finals with Morra and Bustamante

The "loose-aggressive" wizardry of Francisco Bustamante against the methodical and calculated, John "Mr. Smooth" Morra is a tough match to call in anyone's book. The first leg of this race to 11 on one of the toughest 9 foot Gold Crown tables in the "shire" was peppered with some of the strongest safety play

and precision kicking that one could ask for. As both struggled for position after most breaks, the first swing in this match leaned to Bustamante who found a 3 game lead (6-3). Then suddenly, Morra's break starts to work for him and he begins to claim the safety battles. His score climbs back, 6-4, 6-5, 6-6 and then Busty misses! Now it's 7-6 Morra! Then a dry break and a chance for Busty to stop the bleeding; Busty runs out to tie up the match. By now, even just racking the balls becomes a 3-minute process for both who are seeking the best possible break to stay in control of the table. But to no avail, even the best monsters are struggling to survive in this jungle. To make matters worse, the table layouts after the break are just as uninviting. No choice but to play a safety at some point, both Busty and Morra display evil intentions on the other in a match that practically becomes a 21 round safety battle, which only produces two break and runs and it surely went hill/hill!

So, now it's 7-7, 8-7, 8-8 and Morra to break; and finally run a rack to 9-8. It seems Busty is becoming overpowered by the "young one" here, who can't seem to take what the table is giving him and the safeties too tough to fade too late in the match. John's all around skill is proving worthy of a title and sees the hill first at 10-8. Suddenly though, Busty sees a huge break after John loses a quick safety battle on the one ball and is left with a 1-10 combination and ball-in-hand. Down goes the 10-ball and it's 10-9. A miss on the 1-ball from John Morra and as luck would have it, Busty runs out and the sweaters in the room are treated to an epic hill/hill match, complete with a safety battle to beat all safety battles before it! On the 5-ball, this battle lasts 21 minutes and 7 innings until finally, the balls roll in Morra's favor and the crowd roars with applause! John Morra runs out from the 5-ball to win 11-10 and prevails as the winner of this year's Hard Times 10-Ball!

West Coast Swing in closing

And thus ends this year's tale of The West Coast Swing. Room owners and players in California have proven to us all that action is still alive and that the world-class professional players are always welcome with open arms, some quality tournaments boasting generous payouts and excellent hospitality. Until next year, the "wild west" will be waiting for Dennis Orcollo, John Morra and any others out there to experience the action of our West Coast Swing!



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DUEL in the DESERT FROST vs. REYES July 11-14th, 2016

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One Pocket fans in Arizona were treated to a true battle of legends, as Scott Frost defeated “The Magician,” Efren Reyes in a three day one pocket challenge match on July 11th - 14th at Casino Del Sol Resort in Tucson, Az.

Billed as the “Duel in the Desert,” this match saw each player put up \$25,000 for a three day race to 30. Day one would end when one player had 10 games, day two when one player had 20 games, and day three would go on until a winner was crowned.

The idea for event started was back in January, with a little friendly woofing between the two players after their match in the one pocket event at the Derby City Classic. A week later, plans starting being put in motion. The first thing the players needed was a place to play, and Casino Del Sol submitted the top bid to host this historic event.

Ray Hansen of PoolAction.TV was instrumental in putting the event together, and he ran the online PPV stream of the event. Casino Del Sol set up a beautiful arena with 60 vip seats and bleachers for the other fans in attendance. Diamond Billiard Products came on board, providing a tight pocketed table for the players

to play on. The table was auctioned to one lucky fan after the event’s completion.

Before things got underway, Frost and Reyes both made themselves available to the fan’s in a “Meet & Greet” on the 11th. Fans were able to match up against the two legends or just get one of the commemorative posters signed by the two stars.

When the actual match got underway, Reyes took a quick 2-0 lead, but that wouldn’t last long. Frost then took control of the match and raced to a 10-6 lead at the end of day one. Day two saw Frost extend that lead to a pretty hefty 11 rack lead at 20-9. Going into the final day, Frost knew he could win one game for every two that Reyes won, but that wasn’t a healthy way of looking at things. “I know I am playing a guy who is capable of big comebacks. He came back against Earl in the Color of Money challenge, and I couldn’t let him do that against me,” Frost said. “I tried to keep the same thought process that I had on day one. I did get way too relaxed at times on day three, but I still came through with the win.” While Reyes had his best day of the event on day three, it was still Frost with the 30-17 win.

After the event, Frost had nothing but compliments for his opponent. Frost said “Efren is still the people’s champ and he is still my favorite player. I don’t believe there are three people in this world who can beat him playing one pocket.” Even with the lopsided win, Reyes has expressed interest in another similar match, but no plans have been made yet.

Fans who missed this match will still be able to see all of the action, as a DVD is planned with this match as well as another great match between these two players from an event in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.



Albin Back in the Reckoning

ALBIN OUSCHAN saw his 2016 Mosconi Cup chances increase hugely when he was crowned WPA World 9 Ball champion in Qatar earlier this month. The title was a vindication of the young Austrian's talent and resolve, as he followed up his silver medal in 2015 with gold. The win puts Ouschan on top of the European World points list after just one event.

There are three more tournaments to go – China Open, US Open and the Kuwait Open – and Ouschan has got off to the best possible start in that ranking and will be looking to make the team and emulate his Mosconi Cup showing last year when he bagged the winning 9 ball.

Jayson Shaw maintained his top spot in both the Combined list with a quarter-final finish in Qatar, while Mark Gray is well placed astride the European ranking. Multiple Mosconi Cup MVP winner Niels Feijen is poised to strike in third and second place respectively, while German legend Ralf Souquet is in contention and looking to make his record-equalling 17th appearance in the Cup.

There are five more events remaining for players to win points, starting with the China Open which commences on August 21st.

There are three separate ranking lists with the top player in each ranking gaining an automatic spot on Team Europe for the 23rd annual Mosconi Cup which takes place at the Alexandra Palace, London from 6th to 9th December.

The first ranking will comprise the nine European events – 'European Ranking'; the second will be the four WPA international events – 'World Ranking'; the third will be made up of all 13 events – 'Combined Ranking'.

Combined Rankings

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Jayson Shaw 172 | 6 Albin Ouschan 118 |
| 2 Mark Gray 152 | 7 Mario He 92 |
| 3 Niels Feijen 135 | 8 Imran Majid 89 |
| 4 Ralf Souquet 128 | 9 Mika Immonen 80 |
| 5 Nikos Ekonomopoulos 124 | 10 Joshua Filler 78 |

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European Rankings

- 1 Mark Gray 152
- 2 Niels Feijen 135
- 3 Jayson Shaw 132
- 4 Ralf Souquet 115
- 5 Nikos Ekonomopoulos 111
- 6 Imran Majid 89
- 7 Mika Immonen 80
- 8 Joshua Filler 78
- 9 David Alcaide 77
- 10 Wojciech Szewczyk 69

World Rankings

- 1 Albin Ouschan 80
- 2 Denis Grabe 40
- 3 Alexander Kazakis 40
- 4 Jayson Shaw 40
- 5 Mario He 27
- 6 Artem Koshovoj 27
- 7 Daryl Peach 27
- 8 Five players tied 8th on 13 pts

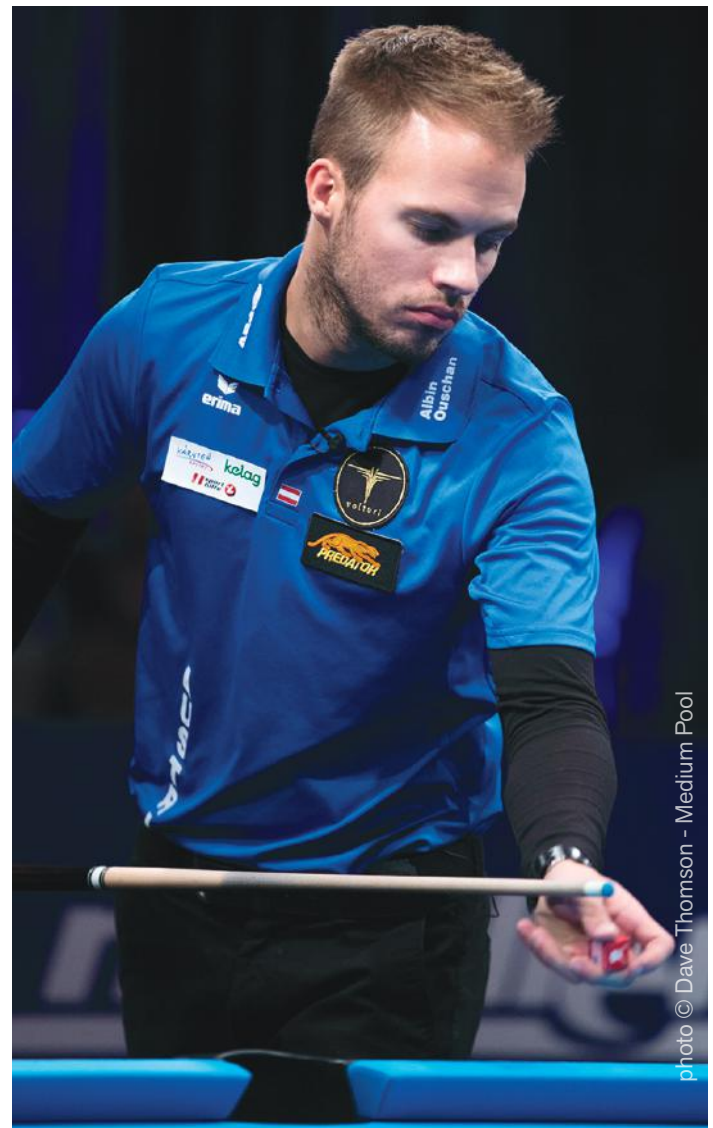


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Ranking after 15 events

1. Shane VAN BOENING 217
2. Rodney MORRIS 178
3. Oscar DOMINGUEZ 161
4. Mike DECHAINED 133
5. Skyler WOODWARD 115
6. Shaun WILKIE 83
7. Shane MCMINN 74
8. Hunter LOMBARDO 71
9. Corey DEUEL 62
10. Josh ROBERTS 59

Super Shane Claims Top Spot

FOLLOWING A GREAT run of events, Shane Van Boening raced to the top of the USA Mosconi Cup ranking, building up a 39 point lead over second placed Rodney Morris. The South Dakota man enjoyed a fruitful spell in Las Vegas as he took both the US Open 8 Ball and 10 Ball events for 35 points apiece.

He then moved onto Qatar and the WPA World 9 Ball Championship where he grabbed 67 points for finishing runner-up for the second consecutive year. Morris, who enjoyed a great start to the 28 event series, maintains his spot among the top three with a 45 point cushion.

Making up the automatic spots is Oscar Dominguez, who is looking to add to his 2009 Mosconi Cup winners medal. He is 28 points clear of Mike Dechaine in fourth. The other significant points tally belongs to Skyler Woodward in fifth position.

With 15 events played, there are a further 13 to go including five 7 foot events, five Level Two 9 foot event and three Level One events. These are the China Open later this month, followed by the two closing tournaments in the series – the US Open and then the WPA Kuwait 9 Ball which concludes the series.

The 2016 Mosconi Cup takes place at the Alexandra Palace in London from 6th to 9th December. Three of the five spots on Team USA will be allocated to the three highest placed players on the ranking list following the conclusion of the US Open in October. A full list of all ranked players is available at <http://www.matchroompool.com/mosconi-cup/#teamUSA>

The roster of events has been significantly expanded from 2015 and this year there are now a total of 28 events which carry Mosconi Cup points. These events have been grouped into three categories: Category One is major international events both in the USA and overseas; Category Two is events played on 9 foot tables in the US and Category Three is events taking place in the US played on 7 ft tables.



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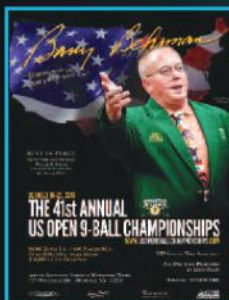
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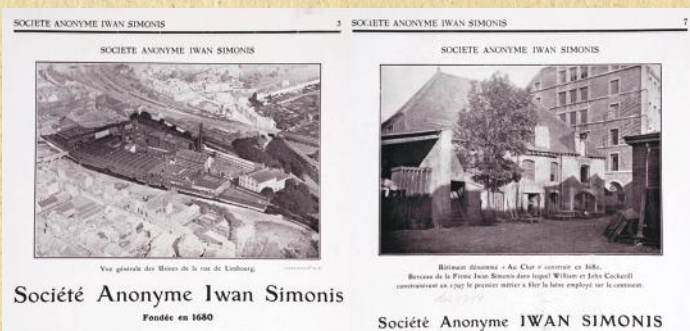
A History of Iwan Simonis and Cloth Production in Belgium



1. Establishment of the Simonis factory

The town of Verviers, Belgium is in the flat basin formed by the valley of the Vesdre River. The water there was of such high quality, thanks to its low lime content, that it was particularly suitable for washing wool.

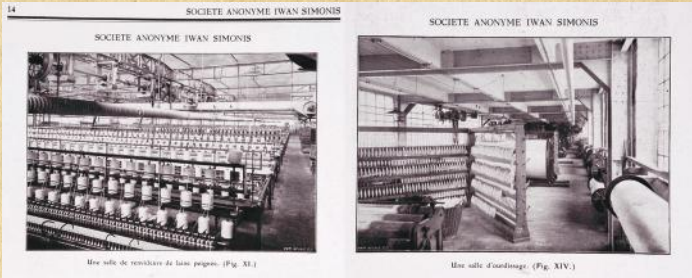
Since they have been around longer than any other firm in the billiards business we felt it proper to detail Simonis Cloth as our first Focus on Industry company profile. When searching out this information we found that there was quite an entertaining history of the firm already ready for us on their website. So we called Ivan Lee of Simonis North America and got permission to reprint that article here.



It was in this valley that the Simonis factory was set up in 1680 by Guillaume Henri Simon Simonis, a middle-class Verviers merchant born in the town in 1640 and known as "ûle Mercier" ("the haberdasher").

The company itself was established on a more permanent footing by Jacques Joseph Simonis and was named after his son Iwan, who was born in

Verviers in 1769. Today the name Iwan Simonis is now synonymous worldwide with the highest quality billiard cloth.



2. William Cockerill

At the end of the eighteenth century, a spinner in Verviers would work with a single spindle, whereas in England, the Industrial Revolution had already resulted in machines being used for spinning wool. The British government threatened anyone who exported this technique with permanent exile, in order to protect the country's monopoly.

Nevertheless, William Cockerill, a young British engineer, departed for Sweden in 1797 with the blueprints for his famous wool-spinning mill. However, no one seemed to be interested in his ideas, and he eventually ended up in Hamburg. There, he met a wool buyer from Simonis who realized the value of this technique, which had until then been unknown on continental Europe.

This pioneer in the field was invited to Verviers with his family and signed a contract in which he agreed to produce spinning machines exclusively for his new employer. The first machine was constructed in 1797 in the building known as, "Au Chat" (the cat).

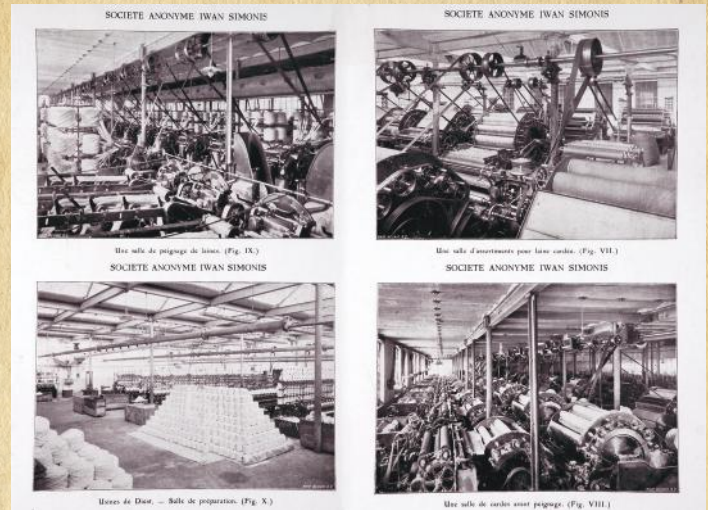
Increased success followed, which, in addition to being able to compete with the English on level terms, provided Simonis with a major technological advantage over its continental competitors.

3. The Golden Age

This spinning machine was only the first of many technological innovations that were to see the light of day in Verviers at the beginning of the nineteenth century. These inventions included machines for carding and spinning wool, longitudinal shearing machines and the Leviathan, which was used to clean the wool.

In addition, electricity, the steam engine and the

coming of the railways increased capacity in terms of both production and transport to levels never seen before. In this same period, the bill of exchange became widespread in commercial exchanges, seeing as it had the advantage of eliminating the risks associated with transporting and using cash, in the form of gold or silver coins, for business transactions.



In 1857, demand from the wool industry in Verviers led to a plan to build a dam in the area, in order to supply all the local textile companies with pure water of equal quality. This dam, at La Gileppe, with a capacity of 12 million cubic metres, was inaugurated in 1878.

All these innovations, plus an abundant supply of skilled labour, made Verviers a prosperous town and a center of the wool industry, like its competitors Bradford (England), Mönchengladbach (Germany), and Roubaix (France).

4. The two World Wars

During the First World War, there was a sharp reduction in the trade in woolen cloth because of the shortage of raw materials.

Then came the economic crisis between 1929 and 1935, which caused a further decline in industrial activity, especially in the Verviers area. Production was cut and workers were laid off.

The Second World War followed and, like the first, led to a shortage of wool. However, there was worse to come. At the end of the War, the Allies mistakenly bombed Simonis's spinning mill, and this prevented the company from playing a full part in the recovery

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in business life that followed.

From then on, the textile industry in Belgium, along with that in the rest of western Europe, continued to decline, and Simonis's operations were no exception. Simonis therefore had to close or sell some divisions, such as spinning, haberdashery, the production of woven garments, and the combing, scouring and carbonising of wool.

5. Peltzer & Fils

Peltzer & Fils, a celebrated company in its own right, was established in 1785 by Jean Henri Peltzer, from Stolberg, in Germany. The company was set up at Hodimont, which is now part of the district of Verviers, but which at the time was part of the Duchy of Limburg, a Dutch territory belonging to the Hapsburgs.

The company continued to expand, and a subsidiary was established in Buenos Aires in 1849 and another in Poland in 1885.

In 1961, the activities of S.A. Simonis and Peltzer were combined and the Société Anonyme des Draps et Filés Iwan Simonis (or the Belgian public limited company Iwan Simonis Cloth) was created, with an emphasis on commercial continuity. The capital of this company was fully subscribed by the PELTZER group.

The growth in demand for Iwan Simonis cloth in North America led to the creation in 2000 of the subsidiary Iwan Simonis Inc., at Gurnee, near Chicago, Illinois (USA). Iwan Simonis, Inc. subsequently moved to a larger facility in Libertyville, Illinois (USA) in January of 2010. Iwan Simonis billiard cloth is now

exported from the production site in Belgium to more than 50 countries, on every continent.

In 2005, the Iwan Simonis companies celebrated their 325th anniversary and in 2013, the companies reached the one-third millenium mark of 333 years. Unfortunately, a fire destroyed the company archives in 1982, and so the exact date on which the manufacture of billiard cloth began is not known. Nevertheless, for over two centuries, generations of technicians and skilled workers have been producing our world-famous, superior-quality billiard cloth, which others try to imitate, but always in vain.

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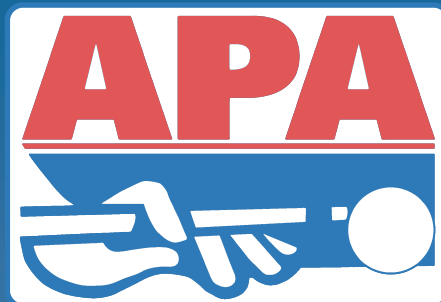


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After four-days of having fun, making new friends from across the country and playing their hearts out on the pool table, three champions were crowned in each tier of the Junior Championships.

In the finals of the Green Tier (Skill Levels 1-3), 14-year-old Deanna Wilder (SL 3) of Carthage, Miss., defeated Tanner Schurke (SL 2) of Buffalo, Iowa., by a score of 25-14. Schurke finished Runner-up. Jonathan Lynn of Huntsville, Ala., and Gracie Davis of Shelbyville, Ill., tied for 3rd Place in the Green Tier.

Not surprisingly, the Green Tier featured the largest number of competitors in this year's event with 160 participants.

In the finals of the White Tier (Skill Levels 4-5), 15-year-old Austin Le (SL 4) of Wilmington, N.C., defeated Skylar Brown (SL 5) of Cape Girardeau, Mo., 31-36 (Brown needed 38). Doug Tuttle of La Place, Ill., and William Haubner of Decatur, Ill., tied for 3rd Place in the White Tier. The White Tier had 69 participants.



Deanna Wilder



Austin Le

In the finals of the Black Tier (Skill Levels 6-9), 13-year-old Nathan Childress (SL 9) of North Chesterfield, Va., defeated James Diaz (SL 6) of Phoenix, Ariz., 75-27 (Diaz was racing to 46). The Black Tier, featuring the highest skilled players, included 23 competitors. Tying for 3rd Place in the Black Tier were Tyler Anderson of Decatur, Ill., and Cole Bryson of Windham, Ohio.



Overall, more than 250 players competed in one of the three 9-Ball skill level tiers July 7 -10 at Sharky's Billiards.

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The Atlantic Challenge Cup

by AzB Staff



The Atlantic Challenge Cup was conducted at the Renaissance Hotel outside of Chicago in the days just prior to the BCA Trade Show and it was, by any definition, a huge success. Certainly, American fans were disappointed by the 11-3 thumping that Team Europe delivered to Team USA, but the goals of this event are so much more far-reaching than the final score that this is of small consequence.

The big picture around this event is multi-fold. The game has been needing a shot in the arm to inspire young players to take up the game. No sport survives without rising stars coming up to push the limits of those who came before. This team format highlights the amazing skills being developed by the next generation and can only serve to energize the attention being shown to developing younger players.

One exciting aspect of the event was how it was able to bring the industry together in a way that has not been seen in many years. Fierce competitors agreed to work together and forego the usual “official product” demands that have prevented similar companies from sponsoring the same event for many years. This implies that companies are willing to work

together to get that key 18-25 year old demographic and promoters should take notice. The major league systems have held Junior Championships for years and now maybe it is time that tournament promoters in the proper markets consider adding junior categories to their tournament schedules. Promoters are always looking for ways to draw additional sponsors and the signal has been sent that the industry sees the wisdom of helping to grow the junior game.



The push for youth can happen at any level. Individual room owners can have Room Championships once a year and set up City Championships with other rooms in the area. All this cost is a few inexpensive trophies and some table time over a weekend. On the plus side is it should increase the kitchen business and get you some local newspaper coverage. But the big picture is it develops future customers for the room and players for the game.

The Atlantic Challenge Cup strives to improve every year. The presentation this year was excellent and our hearty congratulations go out to Skip Nemechek (Master Chalk) and David Morris (EPBF) for all the work they have done over the past four years to bring this event to fruition.

The Atlantic Challenge Cup is a co-presentation of the Billiard Congress of America and the European Pocket Billiard Federation. This event would not be possible without the very generous contributions of the sponsors. When making a buying decision please consider the companies who give back to the game. Our loyal contributors are: Connelly Tables, Aramith Billiard Balls, Atlas Billiard Supply, Matchroom Sport, Simonis Cloth, Master Chalk, Imperial International, Lucasi Cues, Predator Cues, McDermott Cues, Pechauer Cues, Viking Cues, AZBilliards, CueSports International, Brad Scuffer, The APA, C.P. Dean, and Ultimate Team Gear.

The Competition This Year:

The competition in 2016 was the second incarnation of the event. The first event was held in 2015 in Austria and Team Europe prevailed 11-9 after Team USA put on a last-minute charge that fell short.

This year the Americans took the very first match, a team match where all of the competitors had the opportunity to complete at least a single rack. But Europe won the next two matches and went to bed that evening with a 2-1 lead.

The next day saw the Euro's getting comfortable at the table and outpacing their American counterparts 4-1 to go into Day Three with a 6-2 lead and the opportunity to end the contest a day early if they could hold the American side to another day with only one match win. They did so. There were six matches conducted on the third day and Team Europe won five of them to take the title 11-3 and send a strong statement concerning their skills and future optimism about the event.

(For more detailed match coverage see our article

“Atlantic Cup Challenge Recap” in this issue.)

We would like to thank and congratulate all of the players in the Atlantic Challenge Cup. They all did an excellent job of representing their flags and they all impressed with their skills. The American side was made up of Serena Black, April Larson, Ricky Evans, Ryan Ponton, Chris Robinson, and Shane Wolford with alternates Sierra Reams, Zach Gurganus, Emily Herpel, and Tyler Howell.

The European Squad consisted of Maxim Dudanets, Diana Khodjeava, Andreas Madsen, Vitaliy Patsura, Kristin Cwikla, and Kristina Tkach.

The Atlantic Challenge Cup will once again be contested in Europe in 2017 at sometime during the summer. AzB will announce the date and location as soon as these are determined.





The Atlantic Challenge Cup

RECAP



DAY ONE

The first day of the Atlantic Challenge Cup went in the books with Team Europe owning a narrow 2-1 lead. The event began with a team match with all six players from both teams playing so every player had the opportunity to adjust to the table and conditions and that match was a barn-burner that went to a double hill tie at five games apiece before Ricky Evans of Team USA captured the final nine ball to give the win to America.

From there we went into the first triplet match of the day. Team Europe put out a team of Maxim Dudanets, Vitaliy Patsura, And Kristina Tkach while the Americans offered Chris Robinson, Ricky Evans and April Larson. The first match was Chris Robinson—†versus Maksim Dudanets of Moscow and Robinson (who proved to be Team USA's strongest player for the day) defeated Dudanets to give America the early lead.

But that lead evaporated quickly as Vitaly Patsura of the Ukraine took down Ricky Evans of Missouri to tie the match at two and then Kristina Tkach—† of Moscow got by April Larson of Minnesota to give the Euros a 2-1 lead in our race to six games. Chris Robinson of California then evened us up at two apiece when he defeated Vitaliy Patsura.

The next two matches were traded as first Ricky Evans overcame Maxim Dudanets and Kristina Tkach then got past April Larson. Three all after the first six games. America then grabbed their last lead of the match when Chris Robinson outgunned Maxim Dudanets.



From there it was all Team Europe. Vitaliy Patusra beat up on Ricky Evans, Kristina Tkach kept the momentum going by besting April Larson, and Vitaliy Patusra finished the match off by overcoming Chris Robinson.

So after the first two matches our score was tied at 1 match apiece and the deciding match was another set of triplets with Team Europe presenting Andreas Madsen of Denmark, Kristian Cwilka of Poland and Diana Khodjeava of Belgium while Team USA came with Shane Wolford of Virginia, Ryan Ponton of Illinois and Serena Black, also of Illinois.

This match was lopsided in favor of Europe. Game one went to Andreas Madsen over Shane Wolford. The second rack was owned by Kristian Cwilka over Ryan Ponton and the next game found Diana Khodjeava taking it from Serena Black. Then Shane Wolford grabbed the only point in the match for Team USA as he defeated Kristian Cwilka. That would be the only glory USA found as the next three racks and the match went to Team Europe when Andreas Madsen beat Ryan Ponton, Diana Khodjeava defeated Serena Black and Andreas Madsen capped us off and ended

the venting with a nice win over Shane Wolford.

DAY TWO

After two days of play the European squad at the Atlantic Challenge Cup showed no willingness to surrender their ownership of the trophy. The American team was able to capture only match each day while the Europeans have captured all of the rest and now own a 6-2 lead in this race to eleven games. If the Americans cannot break that trend then the Cup could be over as soon as Sunday evening, making a fourth day of play unnecessary.

Day two began with Scotch Doubles and the pairing of Maxim Dudanets and Andreas Madsen overwhelming the American duo of Chris Robinson and Ricky Evens. The Euro pair led out to a 3-0 lead and never looked back, winning the match 6-2 and taking their lead out to 3-1 overall.

Next up was the ladies pining of Kristina Tkach and Diana Khodjaeva taking on April Larson and Serena Black. Different pairing but the same result with the Euros winning 6-2 and gaining a 4-1 overall

advantage.

The evening session saw the energy swing over briefly to the American side as Chris Robinson overcame Krystian Cwikla 6-3 to bring a ray of energy to the Americans and narrow the overall score to 4-2. But that was the only win that America would find Saturday as the Euros won the next match when Vitaliy Patsura bested Shane Wolford 6-3 and then Diana Khodjaeva steamrolled April Larson 6-1 to take the win and bring the score line to 6-2 and take the Europeans over halfway home to the eleven game goal line.

DAY THREE

The Atlantic Challenge Cup goes once again to Team Europe as they overwhelmed Team USA 11-3 in this year's battle and ended the event a day early with their cueing power.

Sunday began with Europe owning a 6-2 lead and they never looked back. The first match of the day saw the Scotch Doubles team of Kristina Tkach and Vitaliy Patsura besting April Larson and Chris Robinson 6-3 and that was followed by another Scotch Doubles victory when Diana Khodjaeva and Andreas Madsen

swept Serena Black and Shane Wolford 6-1.

We then turned to Singles play and Maxim Dudanets went to double-hill with Ricky Evans before claiming the win 6-5. Team America then took their only victory of the day when Ryan Patton came out on top against Andreas Madsen 6-3.

The evening finished with two more Scotch Doubles victories for Europe. First Kristina Tkach and Maxim Dudanets crippled April Larson and Ricky Evans 6-0 and then Diana Khodjaeva and Krystian Cwilka finished off the event by taking down Serena Black and Chris Ponton 6-2. to take the overall victory 11-3.



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28th Annual BEF Junior Nationals

Concludes a Year of Records, Repeats & Remembrance

July 20, 2016 (Denver, CO): On July 13th - 16th, 2016 the Billiard Education Foundation (BEF) proudly held its 28th Annual Junior National 9-Ball Championships with its largest field of juniors in history. The record breaking event was held at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center just outside of the windy city of Chicago, Illinois. For the third year in a row top juniors from each state made their yearly journey to this year's most prestigious of all U.S. junior tournaments in which the venue was hosted alongside the 2016 Billiard Congress of America (BCA) Billiard & Home Leisure Expo.

This year's field boasted 193 players from 39 qualifying events in 28 different states. The four participating divisions included 18 & Under Boys (18UB), 18 & Under Girls (18UG), 14 & Under Boys (14UB) and 14 & Under Girls (14UG). This event is the only opportunity for U.S. billiard student-athletes to qualify to compete at the World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA) World Junior 9-Ball Championships, as well as for Team USA at the annual Atlantic Challenge Cup (ACC).

This year's junior nationals kicked off with its highly anticipated annual Adult-Youth Scotch Doubles tournament directed by Mel and Tammy Jo Leonard the night before on Tuesday, July 12th. This year drew a record-breaking 93 teams participating. This doubles event gives the parents and adults the chance to showcase their skills in the fun-filled night which even included a few pro's participating. Players officially checked in the morning of Wednesday, July 13th where they were treated with complimentary photo booth pics with Hall-of-Fame professionals "The Black Widow" Jeanette Lee and "The Scorpion" Johnny Archer.

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With the largest field ever came necessary trial changes that were implemented to the traditional BEF Junior National format, which included going to a pro style format of preliminary double elimination brackets qualifying to a seeded single elimination finals bracket. The four divisions 18UB, 14UB, 18UG, and 14UG played on 128, 64, 32 and 32 double elimination brackets respectively. From these brackets the top 25% qualified from each division to single elimination brackets in which the winners were seeded and the one-loss side was blind drawn. Changes were also made to shorter races which were reviewed and determined by Tournament director Earl Munson, "After our evaluations longer races may be expected at next year's 2017 BEF Junior Nationals based on table availability and participating player fields."

Another change to this year's Junior Nationals was the banquet night which was held on the third night of the tournament, Friday July 15th instead of the traditional first night. This welcomed improvement was a big hit as the banquet hall was a buzz of excitement as players, family members, pros, sponsors, and BEF staff and volunteers were in attendance for a great meal, remembrance, awards and honors.

A tearful audience gave remembrance by a

watching a presentation of a touching collection of pictures of fellow BEF junior player, the late Brendan Crockett, playing in past BEF Junior Nationals and WPA World Junior events. Executive Director, Samm Diep-Vidal read a letter from the Crockett family, Mark Wilson of Lindenwood University, Brendan's former coach, and 2002 BCA Junior National Champion Beau Runnigen, a close friend of the Crocketts, both gave tearful speeches remembering the skilled billiard prodigy and honored him by awarding the newly renamed Brendan Crockett Character Awards.

Special Guest Speaker at the banquet this year was "The Scorpion" Johnny Archer. He took a moment to share his life story and powerful message

2016 Brendan Crockett Character Award Recipients:

18 & Under Boys	Andy Poutry, age 17	Ayer, Massachusetts
18 & Under Girls	Tory Conley, age 15	Phoenix, Arizona
14 & Under Boys	Austin Summers, age 14	Metropolis, Illinois
14 & Under Girls	Lana Keith, age 10	Dyersburg, Tennessee



of perseverance. As always Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman made his 23rd appearance at the junior nationals gave out his Artistic Pool awards to this year’s champions. (Results announced separately and posted on BEF website.)

The banquet night rounded off with an astounding record of BEF Academic All-American (AAA) Awards presented. Of the 193 player field, an incredible 42% of this year’s participants (that’s 81 players!) earned school GPA’s of 3.5 or better to receive this award! The sport of billiards is definitely attracting, creating, and maintaining academic excellence! Of those 81 student-athletes, 20 of them had a perfect 4.0 GPA. (Complete list of recipients announced separately and posted on BEF website.)

Kamui continued its Quest for Excellence program this year offering even more to its recipients. (Complete details announced separately and posted on BEF website.)

Without a doubt match play all week was exciting and intense as all players vied to make it to their respective finals single-elimination brackets. The finals

play for all divisions was held on Saturday July 16th. In an effort to stay more aligned with the WPA World events and the Olympics, the BEF awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze medals to the top four finishers of each division, in lieu of the past trophies. All medalists in the 18UB, 18UG and 14UB divisions qualified for the 2016 WPA World Junior 9-Ball Championships November 16-20 in Shanghai, China, along with the gold and silver medalists from the 14UG division.

All BEF Junior National participants also qualify to be selected as potential nominees for the Atlantic Challenge Cup Team USA at the 2017 event being held in Europe next year. The future is very bright for our BEF junior program members as there are now more than ever before, so many high level competitive opportunities at the state, national, and international level.

With the 18UG races shortened this year, it was very tense as the 2015 defending champion and 2015/2016 ACC Team USA member April “The Grinder” Larson from Bloomington, MN was knocked over to the one loss side of the preliminary bracket by

2016 Kamui Quest for Excellence Recipients:

Aryana Lynch, age 13	Allen, Texas
Taylor Hansen, age 17	Mankato, Minnesota
Justin Toye, age 15	Bayville, New Jersey
Karsyn Terry, age 17	Chicago, Illinois

4 fun door prizes were drawn throughout the evening:

Brianna LaRatta	16x20 Portrait of Favorite Pool Player (retail value \$120)	Courtesy of Tony Fox Photography
Tessa Eickholt	\$50 Amazon Gift Card	Courtesy of Intl. Billiards (Makers of the BRAD Scuffer)
Julie Bennett	\$50 Amazon Gift Card	Courtesy of Pool & Billiard Magazine
Tiffany Johnson	Custom UTG Jersey (retail value \$80)	Courtesy of Ultimate Team Gear

And, the banquet concluded with 2 lucky grand prize recipients:

Bryan Rodriguez	Edinburg, Texas	J. Pechauer Custom Cue & Case (retail \$1,100)
Sandra E. Meece	Seneca, South Carolina	9' Diamond ProAm pool table (retail \$7,000)

fellow ACC Team USA teammate Emily Herpel from Freehold, NY. Larson nick-named "The Grinder" for a reason had fellow 2016 ACC Team USA members Serena Black from Warrensburg, IL & Sierra Reams from Richmond, VA on the one loss side standing in her way in which she respectively knocked out of the tournament.

In the first match on the finals board Kaylee McIntosh, a very skilled player from Tampa Bay Florida, almost ended Larson's bid to repeat her title taking her hill-hill before narrowly losing the final game moving Larson on to eventually match up with her 2015 ACC Team USA teammate Taylor Hansen from Mankato, MN in a match-up that ended with a convincing score of 5-2 and Larson moving on to eventually face fellow 2015 Worlds Team USA member Michelle Jiang in the finals. In the on-the-edge of your seat hill-hill match for the Gold Medal, Larson won 7-6 as she once again retained her 18UG girl's title as the best in the U.S. with now five consecutive BEF Junior Nationals titles.

In the 14UG division it was just as intense, as the 2015 14UG Champion Ashley Fullerton from Lake Park, MN showed she too has what it takes to be a repeat champion when she dug deep after being down in a few matches to take it all the way to her 2nd BEF title in a row. Fullerton went all the way to the winners seeded finalist bracket where she ground down Tiana Jiang from Harvard, MA in the first round to advance her to the second round.

In the second round, Fullerton kept amazingly calm even when she was down in the match 4-1 against up and comer Amanda Campbell from Arvada, CO. Fullerton eventually took Campbell to hill-hill where she managed the win 5-4 moving her to the finals with the very quiet but skilled Vivian Liu from Harvard, MA. The back and forth score of Fullerton and Liu put the audience and especially the parents on pins and needles as the score once again wound up to 6-6 (hill-hill) with Ashley Fullerton once again having the nerves to put her over the top for the Gold Medal and her second 14UG consecutive title. Vivian Liu took the Silver Medal with both her and Fullerton qualifying for China out of the 14UG division. Amanda Campbell and Aryana Lynch from Allen, TX both played very well with both taking the 14UG Bronze Medals home.

Title of 18UB champ was up for grabs as reigning champ Chris Robinson aged out. In 2014, Ricky Evans, from St. Peters, MO took home the 14UB championship



title while older brother took the 18UB title in the same year. Ricky has since looked to do what his brother has done and win the 18UB division as well. Having moved up to the 18UB division after turning 15 this year he finally got his chance to prove himself. He firmly set his sights on winning the 18UB division this year and accomplished his goal.

Even when Evans was down in one of his matches he would simply not show it. He fought his way through winning all his matches putting him in the winners seeded side of the 18UB finals single elimination bracket. In the first round Evans defeated

Brandon VanOverbeke from Marshall, MN 7-4 sliding him eastward on the bracket to face Jordan Burden from Jacksonville, FL in which Evans once again closed the match 7-4. In the third round Evans kept Travis Southard from Reidsville, NC from moving closer to the finals and handed Southard a Bronze Medal for his efforts. Evan Swett from Wichita, KS also earned the Bronze Medal for his performance having been defeated by Nathan Diederich. Ricky Evans is no stranger to playing in a high pressure match and he quickly dispatched Nathan Diederich from Victorville, CA with a crushing loss 9-0 but still earning Diederich a very respectable Silver Medal for his fine over-all tournament performance. Ricky Evans has earned his first Gold Medal since moving up only this year to the 18UB bracket earning his second BEF Junior National Title in both the 14UB & now the 18UB. Ricky Evans, Nathan Diederich, Evan Swett, and Travis Southard will qualify for the WPA World Junior event held in China this November.

Rounding out the divisions with the 14UB's it would be another player defending his title in the name of Nathan Childress from North Chesterfield, VA. Childress showed his skills and determination by making the final 16 cut in the 14UB by winning all his matches in the preliminary bracket seeding him on the winner final bracket to face the 7-time BEF Junior National contender Eric Roberts from Crossville, TN. Roberts took Childress hill-hill with Childress edging out a close win 5-4 to move him onward to the 2nd round to face Bryan Rodriguez from Edinburg, TX. Rodriguez tried to slow Childress down but came up short losing 5-2. In the 3rd round Childress rolled past Kaiden Hunkins from Waukesha, WI 5-1 earning Hunkins the Bronze Medal, not too shabby for competing with a broken arm. Joey Tate from Lake Villa, IL also claimed a Bronze Medal after he was defeated 5-2 in the 3rd round by Mahkeal Parris from Kingshill, Virgin Islands. Parris and Childress faced off in the finals with Childress having the psychological edge having been there the prior year and it was evident as Childress defeated Parris 7-4 earning him back-to-back BEF Junior National titles in the 14UB division. Parris proudly took the Silver Medal back home to the Virgin Islands with his fine overall performance. All four 14UB competitors have qualified for Junior Worlds in China including: Nathan Childress and Kaiden Hunkins being their second visit to China, Mahkeal Parris and Joey Tate with their first.

TOP FINISHERS FROM ALL DIVISIONS:

GOLD MEDALS	18UB	Ricky Evans, 15 (St Peters, MO)	Custom BEF Gold Medal \$1,000 Academic Scholarship
	18UG	April Larson, 16 (Bloomington, MN)	Custom Engraved Delta-13 Rack
	14UB	Nathan Childress, 13 (N. Chesterfield, VA)	Dr. Dave's Illustrated Principles of Pool & Billiards Book
	14UG	Ashley Fullerton, 13 (Lake Park, MN)	Bullseye Billiard Set Extendable Bridge Head
SILVER MEDALS	18UB	Nathan Diederich, 17 (Victorville, CA)	Custom BEF Silver Medal
	18UG	Michelle Jiang, 16 (Harvard, MA)	Dr. Dave's Illustrated Principles Video Encyclopedia
	14UB	Mahkeal Parris, 14 (Kingshill, Virgin Islands)	Bullseye Billiard Set
	14UG	Vivian Liu, 13 (Harvard, MA)	Extendable Bridge Head
BRONZE MEDALS	18UB	Travis Southard, 17 (Reidsville, NC) Evan Swett, 16 (Wichita, KS)	Custom BEF Bronze Medal
	18UG	Hailey Fullerton, 16 (Lake Park, MN) Taylor Hansen, 17 (Mankato, MN)	Dr. Dave's Illustrated Principles Video Encyclopedia
	14UB	Kaiden Hunkins, 14 (Waukesha, WI) Joey Tate, 11 (Lake Villa, IL)	
	14UG	Amanda Campbell, 12 (Arvada, CO) Aryana Lynch, 13 (Allen, TX)	Bullseye Billiard Set



Broomfield, Colo., July 20, 2016 – The Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame welcomes a pair of powerful left-handed champions to the class of 2016. The United States Billiard Media Association today announced that smooth-stroking Hawaiian “Rocket” Rodney Morris and “The Texas Belle,” Belinda Calhoun have earned induction as the 67th and 68th members of the sport’s most prestigious hall of fame.

Morris, 46, will enter the Greatest Players wing of the Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame, while Calhoun, 63, will be honored in the Veteran Players category. Both will be formally inducted during ceremonies on October 20, 2016, at the Norfolk Sheraton Waterside in Norfolk, Va.

Born in Anaheim, Calif, but raised in Hawaii, Morris burst onto the pool scene in 1996 when, as a 26-year-old, he thrashed Efren Reyes in the final to capture the U.S. Open 9-Ball Championship. Just hitting his playing prime, Morris was away from the game for nearly four years following a federal drug conviction. A remorseful and rededicated Morris returned to the game in 2001 and won the year-ending Sands Regency Open. Over the next six years,

Morris, Calhoun Elected to Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame

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“... ‘This is a wonderful surprise,’ said Calhoun.”

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Morris captured the UPA Pro Tour Championship, the Matchroom Sports-promoted World Pool League title and the World Cup of Pool. He finished second to Reyes in the IPT World 8-Ball Championship in 2006, earning \$150,000. Morris also made eight appearances on Team USA in the Mosconi Cup, earning MVP honors in 2004. More recently, Morris captured titles at the Turning Stone Classic and the U.S. Open 10-Ball Championship.

“I want to cry,” Morris said, who lives in Lincoln, Calif. “It is validation and recognition of all the years and hard work I’ve put into this game. Getting into the Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame is especially gratifying because I came from a broken home, was

raised on the streets and made just about every mistake you can make. But I persevered, which proves that everyone can do something great if they dedicate themselves to it.”

Born Belinda Campos in Austin, Texas, Calhoun was one of the Women’s Professional Billiards Association’s top stars through the ’80s, capturing a pair of BCA National 8-Ball Championships titles, the

Texas River City Open and the NPCA Classic Cup 9-Ball title. Calhoun dominated 1985, winning the Women’s World 14.1 title, the WPBA National Championship and the U.S. Open 9-Ball Championship. That same year, she was also named “Player of the Year” by Billiards Digest and was named to the Pool & Billiard Magazine “All-Stars.” Calhoun was credited with running seven racks and out during the 1993 World 9-Ball Championships.

In addition to her stellar playing career, Calhoun has been active in organization administration, serving 20 years on the WPBA Board of Directors, six years on the WPA Board and several years as a Billiard Congress of America Board Director.

“This is a wonderful surprise,” said Calhoun, who now resides in Fork, S.C. “I had resolved myself to the idea that [getting into the Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame] wasn’t going to happen. I’m honored. I had always thought my career was deserving, so this is very gratifying. I feel like I’ve served the sport well for a long time.”

Voting for the 2016 Hall of Fame was conducted by the USBMA Hall of Fame Board, which consists of USBMA members, elected At-Large members and living members of the Hall of Fame. To be eligible for consideration in the Greatest Players category, a player a) must be 40 years old by Jan. 1 of the year of their inclusion on the ballot; b) must have a professional playing career of at least 10 years; and c) must have recorded significant achievements in U.S.-based and international events.

Morris edged Women’s Professional Billiards Association champions Gerda Hofstatter and Vivian Villarreal by a single vote. Morris was named on 48 percent of the ballots, while Villarreal and Hofstatter were named on 47 percent. Kim Davenport was named on 26 percent of the ballots, while Shannon Daulton and Jeremy Jones received votes on less than 25 percent of the ballots.

Calhoun’s nomination was recommended by the Veteran Players Committee, which reviews the careers of players who were not elected in the Greatest Players category prior to turning 60, at which point they are removed from the ballot. Induction for a Veteran Players nominee is achieved if more than 50 percent of the Hall of Fame Board votes in favor of the candidate.



the 6th **USAPL** National Championships Las Vegas, NV

When the inaugural USAPL National Championships were held in 2011, about 100 players from across the country participated. Now in its sixth year, the handicapped amateur league had about 800 entrants during the USAPL National Championships, which wrapped up Sunday at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

Tournament champions hailed from New Mexico, New Hampshire, Colorado, Louisiana and Michigan, and the tournament players came from across the U.S.

Terry Best, a captain for the Shreveport Fire Department in Shreveport, La., fought his way through a 66-person field to win the 9-Ball Singles division. Aaron Almanzor, of Des Moines, Wash. was the runner-up in the division, with Audra Wasson, of Denver, Colo. placing third.

Bill Patterson of Choctaw, Ok. won the 8-Ball Gold Singles Division, with Jimmy Doyle of Port St. Lucie, Fl. placing second and Joel Vetrano of Winter Garden, Fl. taking third.

In the 8-Ball Silver Singles Division, Rick Perea of Albuquerque, N.M., made his mark on the field of 53 players to be named champion. Rick Grosso of Tampa,

Fl. and Sam Fitzgerald of Henderson, Nev. came in second and third, respectively.

Woody's 9-Ballers, a six-person team from the Longmont, Colo. area won the USAPL 9-Ball Team Division. Team members were Joel Armstrong, Tonya J. Haselbush, Mike Jacobs, James Lyman, Woody Quezada and Geoffrey Quezada. The Blasters of Henderson, Nev., placed second. That team included Alma Bielawa, Tony Calabrese, Bill Etienne, Phil Ford, Russ Hackett and Roman Lutak. Who, 's That Good? a Hudson, Massachusetts-based team, placed third. Team members were: Chris Alfonso, Joe DiCenso, Matt Finnegan, Matt Garbarino, Kevin Lang and Brian Willard.

Just Chillin' of Manchester, New Hampshire won the Women's 8-Ball Team Division. The team members were Diane Casale, Melissa Curtin, Susan Hyun and Nicki Richard. The Ladies of Stimp'y's, based in Kent, Wash., took second. Its members were Annie Almanzor, Christine Dain, Sarha Hicks, Diane Rima and Jennifer Rima. Sassy Strokes of Massachusetts placed third and included Diane Emanuelson, Linda Faust, Sandy Gardner, Michelle Jiang and Denise Leach.

Nothing But Business, based in the greater Detroit, Mich. Area got down to business and beat out its competition to win the 8-Ball Team Division. Its members included Taz Almoamin, Tony Donbrock, Karen Henton, Marty Kasperek, Bryan Somerville and Ed Yax. The Defenders of Federal Way, Wash., placed second and consisted of Steve Hulet, Hodge McClurg, Randy McClurg, Paul Moyer, Rafael Rodriguez Ramirez, and Hitch Wells. Hot Pockets, a team based in Florida, came in third. It included Ali Arauz, Christian Banguera, Marques Fincher, Phil Igharas, Brian Luke, Diana Ly and Pratik Patel.

The Sixth USAPL National Championships was held in conjunction with the 40th BCAPL National Championships, which started July 20 at The Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino. The event, which resumes through July 30, features more than 5,000 amateur players representing 47 states, nine Canadian provinces and 11 countries, competing in approximately 40 divisions, on 300 Diamond pool tables. The annual tournament also includes about 50 exhibitors.

The Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino is the official host venue. Other sponsors include Viking, Kamui, Omega Billiards, Cyclop, Diamond, Simonis, and Predator.

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Dynamic European Championships for Youth

AUGUST 8 - 15

Tirana, Albania.

Website: epconline.eu

JPNEWT Tour Stop #8

AUGUST 26 - 28

Classic Billiards

Phoenixville, PA

Website: jpnewt.com

Asian Pool Championship for Men

AUGUST 17 - 21

Taipei, Taiwan

Website: cuesports.org.tw

Mezz West State Tour Stop #7

AUGUST 20 - 21

Buffalo Billiards

Petaluma, CA.

Website: mezzweststatetour.com

China Open

AUGUST 21 - 28

Pudong Tangzhen Sports Center

Shanghai, China

Web Contact: chinaopen_9ball@126.com

US Bar Table Championship 2016

AUGUST 22 - 28

Westgate Resort & Casino

Las Vegas, NV

Website: playcsipool.com

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AUGUST 25 - 28

Turning Stone Casino

Verona, NY

Website: joss9balltour.com

Upcoming Tournaments

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September 1 - September 30:

World Pool Masters

SEPTEMBER 2 - 4

Location TBD

Website: matchroomsport.com

Diamond Pool Tour Stop #6

SEPTEMBER 10 - 11

Metro Sports Bar

Phoenix, AZ

Website: diamondpooltour.com

Mezz West State Tour Stop #8

SEPTEMBER 10 - 11

Hard Times Billiards

Bellflower, CA

Website: mezzweststatetour.com

4-Bears 8-Ball Classic

SEPTEMBER 15 - 18

Four Bears Casino & Lodge

New Town, ND

Website: 4bearsclassic.com

North Central Pool Tour Stop #6

SEPTEMBER 17

The Rock Sports Bar

Sun Prairie, WI

Website: facebook.com/northcentralpooltour

JPNEWT Tour Stop #9

SEPTEMBER 17 - 18

Top Hat Cue Club

Parkville, MD

Website: jpnewt.com/

Sport 9 Tour Stop #4

SEPTEMBER 17 - 18

6 Pockets Billiards

Decatur, AL

Website: 6pocketsbilliards.com

Joss Tour Junior 9-Ball Championship

SEPTEMBER 17 - 18

Sharpshooters Billiards

Amsterdam, NY

Website: joss9balltour.com

Mezz West State Tour Stop #9

SEPTEMBER 24 - 25

Bullshooters

Phoenix, AZ

Website: mezzweststatetour.com

The Maine Event X

SEPTEMBER 24 - 25

TJ's Classic Billiards

Waterville, NY

Website: joss9balltour.com

The Tornado Open

SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 2

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

Hollywood, FL

Website: thetornadoopen.com

Dynamic Netherlands Open

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 4

Golden Tulip Jagershorst

Leende, Netherlands

Website: eurotouronline.com

Upcoming Tournaments

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October 1 - October 31:

Diamond Pool Tour

OCTOBER 1 - 2

Pockets Billiards
Tuscon, AZ
Website: diamondpooltour.com

Joss Tour Stop #2

OCTOBER 1 - 2

East Ridge Billiards
Rochester, NY
Website: joss9balltour.com

JPNEWT Tour Stop #10

OCTOBER 1 - 2

First Break Cafe
Sterling, VA
Website: jpnewt.com

Mezz West State Tour Stop #10

OCTOBER 8 - 9

On Cue Billiards
La Mesa, CA
Website: mezzweststatetour.com

Joss Tour Stop #3

OCTOBER 8 - 9

Sharpshooters Billiards
Amsterdam, NY
Website: joss9balltour.com

Sport 9 Tour Stop #5

OCTOBER 8 - 9

Mr. Cues 2
Atlanta, GA
Website: 6pocketsbilliards.com

World Cup of Pool

OCTOBER 8 - 14

Location TBD
Website: matchroomsport.com

Arizona Women's Billiards Tour Stop #5

OCTOBER 15 - 16

Pockets Billiards
Tuscon, AZ
Website: awbt.net

JPNEWT Tour Stop #11

OCTOBER 15 - 16

Markley Billiards
Norristown, PA
Website: jpnewt.com

Joss Tour Stop #4

OCTOBER 15 - 16

Salt City Billiards
North Syracuse, NY
Website: joss9balltour.com

U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships

OCTOBER 16 - 22

Sheraton Waterside
Norfolk, VA
Website: usopen9ballchampionships.com

Diamond Pool Tour Stop #8

OCTOBER 22 - 23

Skip & Jan's Sports Bar
Gilbert, AZ
Website: diamondpooltour.com

Upcoming Tournaments

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October 1 - October 31:

JPNEWT Tour Stop #12

OCTOBER 22 -23

Proshot Billiards
Dickson City, PA
Website: jpnewt.com

Joss Tour Stop #5

OCTOBER 22 - 23

Raxx Pool Room
West Hempstead, NY
Website: jpnewt.com

Kuwait 9-Ball Open

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 5

Kuwait
Website: wpa-pool.com

Mezz West State Tour Stop #11

OCTOBER 29 - 30

Billiard Palacade
San Francisco, CA
Website: mezzweststatetour.com

Don't See Your Event Here?

If you would like to have your event listed in our calendar please send the following information to:

info@azbilliards.com

- 1. Name of Tournament**
- 2. Location including venue, City, State**
- 3. Dates**
- 4. Web address or email contact (website address is best)**

Monthly Results

Tournament results from July 2016

07/02 - 07/03

4th Annual Cole Dickson 10-Ball

Family Billiards

San Francisco, CA

1 Dennis Orcollo	\$2,300
2 Francisco Bustamante	\$1,550
3 John Schmidt	\$1,025
4 Oscar Dominguez	\$650
5 Vilmos Foldes	\$450
5 Santos Sambajon	\$450
7 Francis Ritarita	\$300
7 Delbert Wong	\$300
9 Phillip Prentice	\$200
9 Jaynard Orque	\$200
9 Jason Williams	\$200
9 Angelo Innes	\$200
13 Rylan Hartnett	\$125
13 James To	\$125
13 Rodney Morris	\$125
13 Doug Whaley	\$125

07/08 - 07/10

West Coast Challenge 10-Ball

California Billiard Club

Mountain View, CA

1 Dennis Orcollo	\$5,000
2 Alex Pagulayan	\$3,000
3 Jason Williams	\$2,000
4 Ernesto Dominguez	\$1,125
5 Thorsten Hohmann	\$850
5 Vilmos Foldes	\$850
7 Rodrigo Geronimo	\$600
7 Oscar Dominguez	\$600
9 Jaynard Orque	\$400
9 Santos Sambajon	\$400
9 John Morra	\$400
9 Bill Meacham	\$400

07/02 - 07/03

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Chandlers Chalk and Cue

Stateville, NC

1 Justin Martin	\$850
2 Shannon Fitch	\$575
3 Chris Walsh	\$350
4 Tim Gill	\$225
5 Rocky Hawk	\$125
5 Christy Norris	\$125
7 Jason Martin	\$75
7 Clay Davis	\$75
9 Stevie McClinton	\$50
9 Jeff Abernathy	\$50
9 Michael McDonald	\$50
9 Travis Duncan	\$50

07/08 - 07/10

Midwest 9-Ball Tour 2016 Stop

4 Ladies 9-Ball

Shooters Billiards

Olathe, KS

1 Liz Lovely	\$600
2 Jessica Frideres	\$400
3 Karen Lincoln	\$250
4 Kathleen Morast	\$150
5 Amy Boulware	\$75
5 Rhea Brooks	\$75

07/08 - 07/10

Midwest 9-Ball Tour 2016 Stop

4 One Pocket

Shooters Billiards

Olathe, KS

1 Joey Gray	\$900
2 Chip Compton	\$540
3 John Gabriel	\$400
4 Skyler Woodward	\$300
5 Sharik Sayed	\$200
5 Tommy Tokoph	\$200
7 Alex Olinger	\$100
7 Devin Poteet	\$100
9 Jeremy Hundley	\$75
9 Mike Beehler	\$75
9 Taylor Anderson	\$75
9 David Jordan	\$75

07/06 - 07/08

West Coast Challenge 1 Pocket

California Billiard Club

Mountain View, CA

1 Dennis Orcollo	\$3,300
2 Robert Herchik	\$2,275
3 John Schmidt	\$1,400
4 Santos Sambajon	\$1,000
5 Tony Chohan	\$750
5 Paul Marquez	\$750
7 Jeff Gregory	\$500
7 Alex Pagulayan	\$500
9 Oscar Dominguez	\$150
9 George Bailey	\$150
9 Bee Davison	\$150
9 Dan Louie	\$150

07/08 - 07/10

Midwest 9-Ball Tour 2016 Stop

4 Open 9-Ball

Astros

Lawrence, KS

1 Robb Saez	\$2,100
2 Jason Klatt	\$1,500
3 Skyler Woodward	\$1,000
4 Dustin Gunia	\$700
5 Shane McMinn	\$500
5 Sergio Rivas	\$500
7 Taylor Anderson	\$350
7 Tommy Tokoph	\$350
9 Lloyd Moreland	\$200
9 Joey Gray	\$200
9 Devin Poteet	\$200
9 Jeremy Hundley	\$200
13 John Gabriel	\$150
13 Justin Bergman	\$150
13 Kevin Guimond	\$150
13 Manny Perez	\$150
17 Mike Beehler	\$100
17 Brett Hinspeter	\$100
17 Jesse James	\$100
17 Russell Pace	\$100
17 Ashton Frye	\$100
17 Chip Compton	\$100
17 Josh Raines	\$100
17 Jeff Montgomery	\$100

Monthly Results

Tournament results from July 2016

07/09 - 07/10

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2016 Stop

12 Open/Pro Division

Amsterdam Billiard Club

New York, NY

1 Jayson Shaw	\$960
2 Frankie Hernandez	\$550
3 Jorge Rodriguez	\$350
4 Jonathan Smith	\$200

07/09 - 07/10

Western New York Pool Tour 2016

Barbox 8-Ball Stop

Diamond Billiards Bar & Grill

Rochester, NY

1 Ron Casanzio	\$475
2 Jeff Bradshaw	\$285
3 Luis Recio	\$175
4 John Reed	\$125
5 Chad Strong	\$100
5 Alex Alverado	\$100
7 Nick Brucato	\$50
7 Mark Creamer	\$50

07/09 - 07/10

Omega Billiards Tour 2016 Stop 6

Puckett's

Fort Worth, TX

1 Crispian Ng	\$1,000
2 Norm Small	\$550
3 Chris Smith	\$430
4 Alberto Nieto	\$340
5 Mike Voelkering	\$250
5 Roman Bayda	\$250
7 CJ Wiley	\$200
7 Omar Bengochea	\$200
9 Jake Hulsey	\$100
9 Robin Barbour	\$100
9 Steve Collins	\$100
9 Hector Guerrero	\$100
13 Juan Parra	\$75
13 David Bell	\$75
13 Douglas Pitts	\$75
13 Alejandro Calderon	\$75

07/09 - 07/09

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

Diamond Billiards

Midlothian, VA

1 Yuta Morooka	\$650
1 James Blackburn	\$350
3 Colin Hall	\$200
4 Doug Hornsby	\$140
5 Terry Ringgold	\$50
5 Scott Roberts	\$50

07/09 - 07/10

Predator Pro-Am Tour 2016 Stop

12 Amateur Division

Amsterdam Billiard Club

New York, NY

1 Carlos Luna	\$1,200
2 Akiko Taniyama	\$800
3 Gail Robles	\$600
4 Ehmunrao Toocaram	\$400
5 Marasol Talacios	\$300
5 Kirill Safranov	\$300
7 Dave Shlemperis	\$200
7 Abel Rosario	\$200
9 Rene Villalobos	\$120
9 Oscar Lee	\$120
9 Jerry Tarantola	\$120
9 Brooke Meyer	\$120
13 Alison Fischer	\$70
13 Shawn Sookhai	\$70
13 Jose Kuilan	\$70
13 Alex Osipov	\$70

07/09 - 07/10

Western New York Pool Tour 2016

9-Ball Stop

Diamond Billiards Bar & Grill

Rochester, NY

1 Ron Casanzio	\$850
2 Cory Welfare	\$375
3 Jeff Bradshaw	\$250
4 John Reed	\$205
5 John Purdy	\$125
5 Nick Coppola	\$125

07/09 - 07/09

Tiger Florida Tour 2016 Stop 4

Corner Pocket

Largo, FL

1 Stephanie Mitchell	\$425
2 Leslee Davis-Blaikie	\$300
3 Nicolle Cuellar	\$185
3 Ashley Nandrasy	\$185
5 Michell Monk	\$100
5 Casie Ayrnat	\$100

07/09 - 07/10

Mezzo Women's Swiss Open

Winners Pool Billard Club

Bern, Switzerland

1 Kristina Zlateva	\$1,017
2 Veronika Ivanovskaia	\$763
3 Cristina Tschudi	\$509
3 Pia Blaeser	\$509
5 Yvonne Ullmann	\$305
5 Yini Gaspar	\$305
7 Claudia Von Rohr	\$152
7 Christine Feldmann-Naeff	\$152
9 Sabrina Cisternino	\$0
9 Franziska Jacob	\$0
9 Maddelena Caserta	\$0
9 Moc Steiner	\$0

Monthly Results

Tournament results from July 2016

07/10 - 07/10

Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

CueBar Billiards

Bayside, NY

1 Harry Guevarez	\$420
2 Greg Matos	\$210
3 Mario Losano	\$100

07/15 - 07/17

7th Annual Hard Times 10-Ball Open

Hard Times Billiards

Bellflower, CA

1 John Morra	\$3,000
2 Francisco Bustamante	\$1,500
3 Alex Pagulayan	\$1,100
4 Rodrigo Geronimo	\$800
5 Santos Sambajon	\$500
5 Oscar Dominguez	\$500
7 Vilmos Foldes	\$300
7 Ernesto Dominguez	\$300
9 Ramin Bakhtiari	\$200
9 Tony Chohan	\$200
9 Ruben Bautista	\$200
9 Georgi Georgier	\$200

07/16 - 07/17

2016 NC State 10-Ball Championship

Brass Tap Billiards

Raleigh, NC

1 Shannon Fitch	\$1,300
3 Matt Bulfin	\$600
4 Daniel Gambill	\$400
5 Kenny Miller	\$200
5 Dan Heidrich	\$200
7 Hunter White	\$125
7 Joshua Padron	\$125
9 Christopher Wilburn	\$50
9 Pokey Howard	\$50
9 Reymart Lim	\$50
9 Corey Sykes	\$50

07/11 - 07/14

Duel in the Desert

Casino Del Sol Resort

Tucson, AZ

1 Scott Frost	\$50,000
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07/16 - 07/17

Georgia State 9-Ball Championship

Rack and Grill II

Augusta, GA

1 Nikki Mancuso	\$250
2 Belinda Calhoun	\$150
3 Buffy Jolie	\$95

07/19 - 07/21

Bustamante vs Chohan Challenge Match

Goodtimez Billiards

Las Vegas, NV

1 Francisco Bustamante	\$30,000
2 Tony Chohan	\$0

07/20 - 07/22

US Open 10-Ball Championship 2016

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino

Las Vegas, NV

1 Shane Van Boening	\$10,000
2 Rodney Morris	\$6,000
3 John Morra	\$4,000
4 Skyler Woodward	\$2,500
5 Rodrigo Geronimo	\$1,500
5 Oscar Dominguez	\$1,500
7 Amar Kang	\$900
7 John Schmidt	\$900
9 Billy Thorpe	\$600
9 Taylor Anderson	\$600
9 Jason Klatt	\$600
9 Jesse Bowman	\$600

07/16 - 07/16

Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

Rockaway Billiards

Rockaway, NJ

1 Steve Kaminow	\$500
2 Victor Dabu	\$250
3 Jonathan Castillo	\$150

07/16 - 07/17

Diamond Pool Tour 2016 Stop 4

Main Street Billiards

Mesa, AZ

1 Scott Frost	\$1,000
2 Bret Huth	\$750
3 Ed Scott	\$600
4 Karloz Chavez	\$350
5 Ben Sutherland	\$225
5 Rick Schmitz	\$225
7 JR Flores	\$150
7 Mitch Ellerman	\$150
9 Tim Daniel	\$75
9 Bobby Emmons	\$75
9 Heather Cortez	\$75
9 David Rayner	\$75

07/23 - 07/25

US Open 8-Ball Championship 2016

Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino

Las Vegas, NV

1 Shane Van Boening	\$11,000
2 Rory Hendrickson	\$6,300
3 Jesse Bowman	\$4,100
4 Josh Roberts	\$2,600
5 Mike Dechaine	\$1,600
5 Amar Kang	\$1,600
7 Francisco Bustamante	\$1,100
7 Brandon Shuff	\$1,100
9 Rodney Morris	\$700
9 Corey Deuel	\$700
9 Thorsten Hohmann	\$700
9 Vilmos Foldes	\$700
13 Oscar Dominguez	\$350
13 Shane McMinn	\$350
13 John Schmidt	\$350
13 Richey Orem	\$350

Monthly Results

Tournament results from July 2016

07/23 - 07/23

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

**Brian's Billiards
Roanoke Rapids, NC**

1 Kenny Daughtrey	\$475
2 Frank Owens	\$275
3 Thomas Williams	\$55

07/28 - 07/28

OB Challenge 2016

**Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV**

1 Justin Bergman	\$1,000
2 Corey Deuel	\$500

07/30 - 07/31

Q City 9-Ball Tour Stop

**Breaktime Billiards
Wilmington, NC**

1 JR Poste	\$700
2 BJ Hucks	\$475
3 Joe Blanton	\$275
4 JT Ringgold	\$200
5 Andy Bowden	\$50
5 Taz Holiday	\$50

07/31 - 07/31

Tri State Tour 2016-2017 Stop

**Steinway Billiards
Astoria, NY**

1 Juan Guzman	\$700
2 Kapriel Delimelkonoglu	\$440
3 Dany Recinos	\$270
4 Adrian Daniel	\$160
5 Steve Kalloo	\$110
5 Esteban Morrell Jr.	\$110
7 Shawn Sookhai	\$80
7 Jessica Lynn Greibesland	\$80

07/26 - 07/26

Pick Your Poison Challenge

**Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV**

1 Shane Van Boening	\$1,000
2 Thorsten Hohmann	\$500

07/30 - 07/31

JPNEWT Tour 2016 Stop 6

**Raxx Pool Room, Sports Bar &
Grill
West Hempstead, NY**

1 Nicole Albergaria	\$500
2 Sharon O'Hanlon	\$350
3 Linda Haywood Shea	\$225
4 Kia Sidbury	\$150

07/27 - 07/27

Tiger Challenge 2016

**Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV**

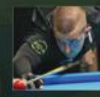
1 Rodney Morris	\$1,000
2 Francisco Bustamante	\$500



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